

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

None of the claims are amended herein.

Claims 5, 6, 12, and 13 are "objected to."

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-14 are currently pending and under consideration.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-4, 7-11, AND 14 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a) AS BEING UNPATENTABLE OVER LEE ET AL. (USP# 6,739,711) IN VIEW OF TAJIMA ET AL. (USP# 6,467,890) AND KOITABASHI ET AL. (USP# 5,216,450)

According to 35 U.S.C. § 103(c)(1), "[s]ubject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of subsections (e), (f), and (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the claimed invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person."

U.S. Patent No. 6,739,711 to Lee et al. ("Lee," hereinafter) does not qualify as a prior art reference since it belongs to the same assignee, Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd., as the present claimed invention and has a filing date of May 1, 2002. The combination of the other cited prior art does not teach the features recited in claims 1-4, 7-11, and 14 of the claimed invention.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is overcome.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.


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